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In the Claims:

- 1.(original) A dilutable cleaning composition comprising a pH-elevating component and a pH-lowering component, the composition being such that when it is mixed with water the pH-elevating component dissolves or dispersed in the water and the pH of the water is elevated to at least 8.5 and subsequently the pH-lowering component dissolves or disperses in the water and the pH of the water is lowered from at least 8.5 to not more than 4.
- 2.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the pH-elevating component comprises an alkali metal compound.
- 3.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 2, wherein the alkali metal compound comprises an alkali metal carbonate, bicarbonate, hydroxide or peroxy compound.
- 4.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the pH-lowering component comprises an organic acid or inorganic acid, or a precursor thereto.
- 5.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 4, wherein the pH-lowering component comprises sulphamic acid.
- 6.(currently amended) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is such that when it is mixed with water the pH of the water is elevated to at least 9.
- 7.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is such that in use the pH of the water is lowered to not more than 3, from the elevated pH.

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- 8.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is such that in use the pH change of the elevated pH to the lowered pH is at least 6.
- 9.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is such that in use the pH of the water attains a value of at least 8.5 after a dwell time of at least 30 seconds, after addition to water of the pH-elevating component.
- 10.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is such that in use the pH of the water attains a value of at least 8.5 after a dwell time of not more than 600 seconds, after addition to water of the pH-elevating component.
- 11.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is such that in use the pH of the water is lowered to not more than 4 within 600 seconds of the water reaching a pH of at least 8.5.
- 12.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is such that in use the pH-lowering component is exposed to the water only when the pH-elevating component has substantially dissolved or dispersed in water.
- 13.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the pH-elevating component and the pH-lowering component are arranged to be added simultaneously to the water, the composition comprising means to prevent dissolution or dispersion of the pH-lowering component until the pH of the water has been elevated by the pH-elevating component.

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14.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is a solid.

15.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 14, wherein the composition is a powder or granules, or a block of consolidated powder or granules.

16.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the pH-lowering component is coated with or enclosed by a dissolution or dispersal retarder which dissolves or disperses in water at a rate slower than the rate of dissolution or dispersal of the pH-elevating component in the water, thereby inhibiting dissolution or dispersal of the pH-lowering component relative to the pH-elevating component.

17.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 16, wherein the composition is provided as a powder or granules comprising a first component being powder or granules comprising a pH-elevating component, and a second component being powder or granules comprising the pH-lowering component coated or enclosed in the dissolution or dispersion retarder.

18.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 16, wherein the composition is provided with a powder or granules in which the pH-lowering component is coated with a layer of the pH-elevating component, the pH-elevating component therefore providing the dissolution or dispersion retarder.

19.(currently amended) A dilutable cleaning composition comprising a pH-elevating component and a pH-lowering component, the composition being such that when it is mixed with water the pH-elevating component dissolves or dispersed in the water and the pH of the water is elevated to at least 8.5 and subsequently the pH-lowering component dissolves or disperses in the water and the pH of the water is lowered form at

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least 8.5 to not more than 4 ~~according to claim 1~~, wherein the composition is provided as a dispersion or suspension of a particulate component in a liquid carrier.

20.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 19, wherein the liquid carrier is an aqueous carrier.

21.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 19, wherein the pH-elevating component is provided in liquid form, with the pH-lowering component being provided as suspension or dispersion of powder or granules therein.

22.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the pH-elevating and the pH-lowering components are kept segregated from each other.

23.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition includes an indicator which changes colour on change of pH in the water.

24.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition is such that in use it is adapted to effervesce when dissolution or dispersion of either or both of the pH-elevating or pH-lowering components takes place.

25.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is an antimicrobial.

26.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 25, wherein the antimicrobial effect is generated by dissolution or dispersal of either or both of the pH modifying components in the water.

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27.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 25, wherein an antimicrobial chemical is generated in situ, consequent upon change in pH, and therefore with the same delay.

28.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 27, wherein the antimicrobial chemical is an iodate, bromate, thiocyanate, chlorate, or a halogen gas, chlorine dioxide or a peroxy compound.

29.(previously presented) A DCC according to claim 1, wherein the composition produces a bleaching effect.

30.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 29, wherein the bleaching effect is generated on dissolution or dispersal of either or both of the pH modifying components.

31.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 29, wherein the bleaching effect is produced in situ on change in pH.

32.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 29, wherein the composition includes sodium chlorite generating chlorine dioxide under acid conditions; or a peroxy compound.

33.(previously presented) A dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition includes one or more surfactants.

34.(currently amended) A method of cleaning, using a dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1 comprising the steps of, either simultaneously or sequentially adding the pH-elevating component and a pH-lowering component to a quantity of water thereby forming said dilutable cleaning composition.

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35. (currently amended) A method of cleaning, which comprises the step of applying a quantity of a dilutable cleaning composition according to claim 1 to a surface in need of a cleaning treatment.